GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3774
ANSWERED ON:21.08.2003
CONSTRUCTION OF NATIONAL WAR MUSEUM
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether construction of national war memorial and national war museum was conceived a long back;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether no headway has been made so far in this regard;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the requisite land has been allotted by the Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation for this purpose;

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(g) whether any consultation has been held with the Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation in this regard recently; and

(h) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken or being taken by Government for early construction of national war memorial and national war museum?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (h): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENTREFERRED TO IN REPLY TOPARTS (a) TO (h) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTIONNO. 3774 FOR 21.8.2003

The idea was conceived long back in 1960`s. However, the land allotted near Dhaula Kuan was not cleared from the environmental angle. Thereafter, Ministry of Urban Development offered three adjacent plots of land near India Gate complex for construction of National War Museum and National War Memorial.The complex allotted consisted of Princess Park Hostel, Sangli Mess and Syass Mess, measuring totally 17.616 Acre of land. The land was not considered sufficient by Service Headquarters.It was proposed that National War Memorial be set up in the Central Vistas near India Gate and National War Museum in the National Capital Region outside Delhi. Though, after the matter was discussed with the Ministry of Urban Development, and proposal sent to them, suitable land acceptable to Service Headquarters is yet to be allotted by Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation.Efforts towards finalising the issue of land and proceeding with the construction of National War Memorial are continuing.